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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

The Wolcott House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

500 North Range Street

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Wolcott

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Indiana

CODE

18

COUNTY

White

CODE

181

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- \_\_\_ DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- \_\_\_ STRUCTURE
- \_\_\_ SITE
- \_\_\_ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- \_\_\_ PRIVATE
- \_\_\_ BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- \_\_\_ IN PROCESS
- \_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- \_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED
- \_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- \_\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED
- \_\_\_ NO

**PRESENT USE**

- \_\_\_ AGRICULTURE
- \_\_\_ COMMERCIAL
- \_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL
- \_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT
- \_\_\_ GOVERNMENT
- \_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL
- \_\_\_ MILITARY
- \_\_\_ MUSEUM
- PARK
- \_\_\_ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- \_\_\_ RELIGIOUS
- \_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC
- \_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: Community Center

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Princeton Township

STREET & NUMBER

500 North Range Street

CITY, TOWN

Wolcott

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Indiana

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

White County Recorders Office,

STREET & NUMBER

White County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Wolcott

STATE

Indiana

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Indiana Historic Preservation Program and Survey

DATE

1972 - 1974

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wolcott House is a bold, cubicly massed Italinete Style structure with a simple rectangular wing. Built circa 1859, the wood frame home has been the residence of three generations of Wolcotts all prominent in Indiana government. The 2 story house rests on a rubblestone foundation that comprises the basement walls. The main facade is divided into 5 bays. The slate hipped roof is highlighted by a large glass enclosed cupola with ornately carved wooden corners. 4 brick chimneys two on each side, pierce the roof line. A parapet wall with port-holes above the eaves, the decorated cornice below is bracketed. All the windows are double hung flat openings with plain wood surroundings, an exception are the two small windows adjoining the door leading out onto the upstairs balcony. a loose adaptation of the Palladian wondow. The main entrance is a single door with two adjoining glass panels. The original porch was replaced around the turn of the century by a Neo-Jacobean Style porch with a decorated pediment over the entrance.

The interior of the home features hardwood floors and parquet borders around the rooms. In 1958 the library and dining room were combined into one room by removing the wall and sliding doors between them. Also, the porch in the northwest rear of the house was coverted into public restrooms. The porch had originally been covered by a trellis. The 4 bedrooms on the second floor have been converted into an apartment for a live-in caretaker and the kitchen was modernized, probably around 1961.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES    *circa 1859*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT    *Anson Wolcott, T. Tilly*

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This 19th century Italianate home was built circa 1859 by Anson Wolcott, landowner and developer, businessman, prominent attorney and founder of the town of Wolcott. The blueprints were drawn by architect and builder T. Tilly of Chicago, Illinois. In 1868 Anson Wolcott was elected to the Indiana State Senate on the Republican ticket. There he served as chairman of the Finance Committee during the sessions of 1869 and 1870. In 1876, Mr. Colcott broke with the Republican Party and ran for Governor on the Greenback Party ticket.

Eben H. Wolcott (1866-1941), the son of Anson Wolcott, was also a member of the Indiana State Senate and served in several appointed positions in more than one administration.

Roger G. Wolcott (1893-1958), served in the Indiana Senate from Marion County and was known as a racing enthusiast. He founded the Hoosier Hundred auto race which is held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds and is the richest dirt track race in the country. Mr. Roger Wolcott left the house to Princeton Township in 1957.

The Wolcott's trace their ancestry to Oliver Wolcott, a delegate to the Continental Congress from Connecticut and a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

The house draws its significance as the home of 3 generations of influential and civic minded Hoosiers, and as an architectural masterpiece built during the early development period of that area of the State, when most buildings were very simple and crude.

The Wolcott House is a landmark in Wolcott and the most significant building both architecturally and historically in town.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Wolcott Centennial History; 1961, Published by the Wolcott Centennial History Committee, Richard M. Wheeler, Editor, pp. 107-112; Indiana Houses of the Nineteenth Century; Wilbur Peat, 1962, Indiana Historical Society, P.126; Indiana Sesquicentennial; Indiana and White County Sketches, White County Sesquicentennial Committee, Book Committee, Richard M. Wheeler and Otto Wiese, Co-editors, pp 42-44

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9.56

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>16</u>	<u>49164310</u>	<u>4512170</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Richard A. Nagel, President

ORGANIZATION

Anson Wolcott Historical Society

DATE

8/4/75

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 294

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Wolcott

STATE

Indiana

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
	DATE
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE
ATTEST:	DATE
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	